



# Pine Plains

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2024 - 2025 Budget Newsletter

Members of the Pine Plains CSD Community,

The PPCSD Strategic Plan - Blueprint for Excellence is the result of a series of planning sessions that took place with our Board of Education, leadership team, staff, parents, and community members. With the feedback we gathered from these sessions, our Strategic Plan was born. In the Strategic Plan we identified our mission, vision and core values, as well as our three priority areas.

These priority areas are: **Academic Excellence - Student Experience - Community Connection**

We are excited to share with you the collaborative strides we've made in our three priority areas through the collage of photos within this newsletter!

I would like to thank you all for your continued support of Pine Plains CSD. Your collaboration and teamwork make a difference in the lives of our students and the success of the district.

Dr. Brian Timm  
Superintendent of Schools

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Students from the Stissing Mountain Music program participated in the Music in the Parks Festival at Six Flags Park. Our students received the following awards:

Sixth Grade Band, First Place, Excellent Rating  
High School Band, First Place, Superior Rating  
High School Chorus, First Place, Superior Rating

As a school, Stissing Mountain was awarded the Esprit De Corps Award, which recognizes the participating organization that displays an exemplary attitude of positive support and outstanding personal behavior throughout the festival.

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Budget Increase

**3.50%**

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**VOTE**

**May 21, 2024**

**7:00 am - 9:00 pm**

ONE Voting Location: Stissing Mt Jr/Sr HS



This year's inductees to the National Honor Society from Stissing Mountain.



Members of the Stissing Mountain Math Honor Society shared their love of math with the students from Seymour Smith ILC during this year's Math Bowl.



**VOTE • MAY 21, 2024 • 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM • VOTE**

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-2025 by the qualified voters of the Pine Plains Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM prevailing time.

**VOTERS WILL BE ASKED TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING:****PROPOSITION 1:****2024-2025 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET**

SHALL the Budget for the 2024-2025 school year be approved?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of \$37,689,744 for School District purposes for the 2024-2025 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefore?

**PROPOSITION 3:****REPAIR RESERVE FUND**

SHALL the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District fund the repair reserve fund established by the Board of Education pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law, by transferring up to \$2,000,000 of unappropriated, unassigned fund balance from the 2023-2024 school year to the repair reserve fund?

**PROPOSITION 4:****STUDENT TO SERVE AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE BOARD**

SHALL the Pine Plains Central School District establish the office of Student Board Member, a non-voting member of the Board of Education, who may sit with and participate with the Board of Education at all public meetings, except executive sessions, in accordance with the provisions of Section 1804(12) and (12-a) of the Education Law, effective July 1, 2024?

**PROPOSITION 2:****BUS PURCHASE**

SHALL the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, be authorized to purchase three (3) 65-passenger school buses, including cameras and necessary equipment, each at a maximum estimated cost of \$153,990, for an aggregate maximum estimated cost of \$461,970; and that the sum of \$461,970, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District may be issued?

**BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION**

To elect three (3) members of the Board of Education for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2027. The combination of votes and/or write-ins must be no more than three votes.

**CANDIDATES**

Jean Stapf  
Claire Copley-Eisenberg  
Joseph Kiernan

**STUDENT EXPERIENCE**

Annual Ag Day tradition - Each year students from Seymour Smith ILC are invited to visit one of the local farms after school where they learn how to care for one of the animals. Students then "show" their farm animal at Ag Day. It is a unique and memorable experience for our elementary students.



The Stissing Mountain Varsity Boys Cross Country team won the NYS Class D State championship. The Boys Cross Country team is only the 2nd team in PPCSD history to win a state title.



The Middle School Media Club challenged their minds through reverse engineer building with Keva Planks.

## Pine Plains CSD Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2023-24 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2024-25 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	36,415,211	37,689,744	36,841,729
Increase/Decrease for the 2024-25 School Year		1,274,533	426,518
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.50%	1.17%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.10%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	26,173,111	27,021,126	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	0	0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable**	0	0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	0	0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	26,173,111	27,021,126	26,173,111
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	0	4,194	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	26,173,111	27,016,932	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	26,173,111	27,016,932	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	0	0	
Administrative Component	3,906,222	3,561,662	3,534,888
Program Component	28,792,184	30,449,339	29,782,339
Capital Component	3,716,805	3,678,743	3,524,502

**\* Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2024-2025 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated:**

Over \$800,000 in additional reductions. Elimination of all equipment purchases except for those necessary for health and safety, with board approval. Elimination of free public use of school buildings. Elimination of annual transfer to capital for state-aidable projects. Possible cutbacks / program elimination of interscholastic athletics. Possible elimination of field trips and extra-curricular activities. Potential personnel reductions in regular and special subject elementary teachers, teacher aides; junior/senior high school science, social studies, family and consumer sciences, guidance; high school electives in science, art, foreign language, social studies, agriculture, mathematics and/or health.

**\*\* List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted amount:**

(Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
Bus Purchases	461,970

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$471

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

## Three-Part Budget Summary

ADMINISTRATION	2023-2024	2024-2025	Increase/Decrease
AMOUNT	\$3,906,222	\$3,561,662	-8.82%
INCLUDES: General Support, Building Administration, and Employee Benefits			
PROGRAM	2023-2024	2024-2025	Increase/Decrease
AMOUNT	\$28,792,184	\$30,449,339	5.76%
INCLUDES: Teaching, Regular School, Academic Intervention, Special Education, Occupational Education, Summer School, School Library, Computer Assisted Instruction, Pupil Services, Interscholastic Athletics and Co-curricular Activities, Pupil Transportation, Interfund Transfers, and Employee Benefits			
CAPITAL	2023-2024	2024-2025	Increase/Decrease
AMOUNT	\$3,716,805	\$3,678,743	-1.02%
INCLUDES: Operations and Maintenance, Judgments/Claims, Assessments, Tax Refunds, Interfund Transfers, Employee Benefits, and Debt Service			
TOTAL BUDGET	2023-2024	2024-2025	Increase/Decrease
AMOUNT	\$36,415,211	\$37,689,744	3.5%

The QR code to the right will bring you to the Budget page for the Pine Plains Central School District. You will find the budget presentations from the Board of Education Budget Workshop meetings. Also, under Budget FAQs, there are descriptions of the propositions and the rationale behind presenting them to the voters of the district.

Please scan the QR Code or call (518) 398-7181 ext. 1402 for information and questions you may have regarding the 2024-2025 budget.







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The PPCSD Community Connection Committee consists of staff and board of education members along with members of the outside community. The goal of the committee is to increase engagement between the school district and the community. With this goal in mind, the Community Connection Committee created a survey with the purpose of further connecting the community and the school district through events, learning opportunities and other fun, informative activities that can be hosted at the school.

Please take a moment to scan the QR Code to the right, or go to the website at [www.ppcsd.org](http://www.ppcsd.org) and answer a few brief questions. Thank you for your participation and we look forward to your responses!



## COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Students from the Stissing Mountain Horticulture class and the Pine Plains Garden Club teamed up for Pine Plains Town Decorating Day.



The Class of 2024 hosted the annual Senior to Senior Breakfast, where the seniors prepare and serve breakfast to the seniors! All senior citizens in the PPCSD community are welcome.



Our youngest learners at Cold Spring ELC participated in Fire Safety Awareness Day with help from the Stanford Fire House and surrounding fire companies.

### BOARD of EDUCATION

Amie Fredericks, President  
Joseph Kiernan, Vice President  
Fred A. Couse, Jr.  
James Griffin  
Heidi Johnson  
Jean Stapf

### SUPERINTENDENT of SCHOOLS

Dr. Brian Timm, x1401

### BUSINESS OFFICIAL

Laura Rafferty, x1402

### DISTRICT CLERK

Julia W. Tomaine, x1408